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S.S.L.C. Examination in language subjects.

* 516 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the S.S.L.C. Examination in language subjects to be held in March 1954 is to be in a modified form;

(*b*) if so, whether model question papers are being sent to the schools to enable the pupils to understand the type of questions; and

(*c*) if not, why not?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Does not arise."

11-40 a.m. SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Is the Hon. Minister for Finance aware of the fact that there was leakage of questions from these examinations and if so, what action have the Government taken to put an end to this kind of leakages? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am afraid, Sir, the hon. Member is quite off the tangent. His question has nothing to do with the main question. I may, however, assure the hon. Member that there was no leakage."

SRI S. PAKKIRISWAMI PILLAI :—" Sir, may I know whether the Government have ordered the closure of the Higher Grade Training Centres with a view to restrict the number of trained teachers? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, the main question is in regard to the S.S.L.C. Examination in language subjects and, I am afraid the hon. Member will have to put a separate question if he wants an answer."

Installation of 'Vari-typers' in the Government Press.

* 517 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether any 'Vari typers' were installed in the Government Press, Madras, with reference to G.O. Ms. No. 2861, Education, dated 19th December 1952?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Yes, Sir, on 1st February 1954."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Sir, I am not able to understand what this 'Vari-typer' is."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member wants to know what a 'Vari-typer' is. I think the Hon. Minister will answer it."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, it is spelt in different ways at different places."

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Sir, the Superintendent, Government Press, Madras, represents that 'Vari-typers' do away with hand-setting. The Superintendent, Government Press, found this

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during his stay in England. It is something like a typewriter. Composing is done on these ' Vari-typers ' and copies are taken on Roto-prints."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Sir, is it something like lino-typing or mono-typing? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Sir, may I commend to the hon. Member that he may pay a visit to the Government Press so that he can satisfy himself about it? "

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Sir, I am thankful for the suggestion and I think that necessary facilities will be provided."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" Sir, in view of the fact that when more than a thousand copies are taken, the impressions are not sharp but get blurred, may I know why the Government should install such wasteful machinery like ' Vari-typers '? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Sir, the hon. Member seems to know more of the technique than what I can profess to know. However, if he gives due notice, I shall get the answer."

Increase in the fee for the E.S.L.C. Public Examination.

* 518 *Q.*—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the reasons for the increase in the fee for the E.S.L.C. Public Examination?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Elementary Science was made a compulsory subject for the examination and the examination fee was enhanced so as to meet the extra expenditure involved."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Sir, in view of the fact that the E.S.L.C. Examination is usually taken by very poor students in the countryside, will the Government try to see that the examination is made as cheap as possible so that more and more boys and girls can have the benefit of this examination? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, we are not making any profits out of this examination."

SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—" எலிமெண்டரி சயன்ஸ் கட்டாயப்படுத்தப்படுவதால் அதிகப் பணம் செலவழிக்கப்படுகிறது ; அதற்காக அதிகம் வசூலிக்கப்படுகிறது என்று கூறுகிறார்கள். எதற்காகப் பணம் வசூலிக்கப்பட வேண்டுமென்று கேட்கிறேன் ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The addition of Elementary Science as a compulsory subject means that there is one more question paper, the answer papers of which have also got to be corrected and it involves extra expenditure."